2016 YOUTH TURKEY HUNT INSTRUCTIONS EASTERN NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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Application Instructions:

- 1. Only youths ages 10 through 16 on the day of the hunt who were not chosen for previous youth turkey hunts are eligible.
- 2. All interested applicants must complete a Big Game Hunt application form. Applicants must complete all boxes in sections 3, 6, 8a, and 9. In Section 6, please indicate your first and second choice for your hunt date April 16 or April 23, 2016. If you are selected and your first date choice is full, you will be offered your second date choice.
- 3. Both the applicant and the applicant's guardian must sign the application.
- 4. Write *Youth Hunt* on the outside of the envelope.
- 5. Completed applications for permits must be postmarked no later than **April 1, 2016**. Mail to Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, 1730 Eastern Neck Road, Rock Hall, MD 21661. Completed applications may be dropped off no later than **April 4, 2016 at 3:00 pm** at the Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge Office at 1730 Eastern Neck Road, Rock Hall, MD 21661. Or completed applications will be accepted by email no later than **April 4, 2016**, to ENYouthHunt@gmail.com.

Information/Regulations:

- 1. The drawing to select youth hunters will be held on Wednesday **April 6, 2016,** and all successful applicants will be notified by telephone on April 6, 2016 by 4 pm.
- 2. Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) Youth Turkey Hunt permits are non-transferable.
- 3. The refuge Youth Turkey Hunt permit is valid only when stamped by refuge staff.
- 4. All selected youths must attend a mandatory briefing on April 15th. The briefing will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the refuge office/ headquarters. Youth hunters must present their valid hunting license at the briefing. Contact 410-639-7056 x228 if you have any questions.
- 5. Scouting dates are April 10 and April 17, 2016 from 7:30 am to ½ hour after sunset. All hunters must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older with valid state identification on their person during scouting hours.
- 6. Youth hunters must possess a valid hunting license and carry the license with them on the day of the hunt.
- 7. Youths (ages 10 through 16 years of age as of their hunt date) must be accompanied by a licensed, non-gun carrying adult from the National Wild Turkey Federation. The National Wild Turkey Federation will provide a guide for all youths selected. Youths may also be accompanied by a non-gun carrying parent or guardian.

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- 8. Legal hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to 12 noon.

 Sunrise April 16, 2016: 6:26 a.m.

 Sunrise April 23, 2016: 6:16 a.m.
- 9. Loaded weapons are not permitted in parking areas or on paved or graveled roads.
- 10. Hunting of turkey is permitted only in designated areas of the refuge. See 2016 Turkey Hunt map.
- 11. Bag limit is one bearded turkey.
- 12. All other Maryland State rules and regulations related to the state's spring turkey season are applicable and will be enforced during the special hunt on the refuge.

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